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For: ROTATING GRIPPER
WAFER FLIPPER

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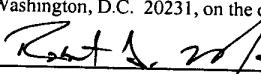
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RESPONSE

In response to the Official Action mailed on December 3, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the remarks set forth below.

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REMARKS

At the time the Official Action was mailed, claims 1-7 were pending. In the Official Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-7. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.